NAFF

While most eyes are focused on the more obvious organisations of the extreme right, many have failed to notice the growth of the National Association For Freedom (NAFF), until their intervention in the Grunwick dispute.

NAFF is a large, well-organised, highly-financed group of the 'respectable' extreme right. *Their* contacts are in the highest and most influential places in the state system. *They* are the threat to the working class.

NAFF is secretive about its support and publishes only a list of council members. It publishes a fortnightly paper called *Free Nation* from its headquarters at 11, Grape Street, London, W1 (behind Centre Point). Financial backing according to the organisation, comes from its membership. Three companies have donated money according to their annual reports. Steel wire producer Bridon, Consolidated Goldfields with its many interests in South Africa, and the battery company Ever Ready.

Among the organisations that work with NAFF are — Aims For Freedom And Enterprise, the National Federation of the Self Employed and the National Federation of Building Trades Employers.

NAFF's role in maintaining Ward's position in the Grunwick dispute has become so large that it is easy to forget their previous involvements —

- High Court injunction to free cars in the Eagle Ferry dispute.
- Legal support for the Tory council's campaign against comprehensive schools in Tameside.
- Closed shop "victims" taken to European court of human rights.
- Injunction on Grunwick postal boycott.
- Demonstrations against Boris Ponomarev's visit as guest of Labour Party.
- Injunction to stop postal workers boycotting mail to South Africa during the week of solidarity.
- Advising Trust House Forte in the Randolph Hotel dispute in Oxford.
- "Stop the Scroungers Campaign" fronted by Iain Sproat.
- "We Name the Marxists in the Labour Party" propaganda campaign.

At the moment NAFF campaigns include fighting for lump builders, opposing Slade's attempts to recruit staff in advertising agencies, and a 'Committee For Justice' campaigning *against* parole.

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Alderson, John
Former Commandant of the Bramshill National Police College, Assistant Commissioner at Scotland Yard. At present Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall. In a report by Janke of a visit to Bramshill in '72 by Alderson, in '72 Janke was quoted as saying "The police college and even the police itself have a certain autonomy derived from daily decision making, and that small steps along new paths could in fact be made without prior consultation."

Amery, Julian
Tory MP. NAFF Council

Bedser, Alec
Former England cricketer and current chair of England cricket selectors. Director of Straker-Bedser Ltd., stationers and office equipment manufacturers. OBE. NAFF council.

Birdwood, Dowager Lady Jane
Tory Party, Monday Club and friend of the NF. A racist who has been active in the 'Halt the Immigration' lobby for several years. Started 'Self Help' with Ross McWhirter, to supply scabs to employers hit by strikes as at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford. 'Self Help' offered £60,000 for the conviction of the IRA bombers. Backed Current Affairs Press.

Boyson, Rhodes
Tory MP and the country's leading champion of 'privilege in the schools'. Editor of the *Black Paper* education document encouraging the scrapping of comprehensive education. On Thatcher's Shadow Cabinet. NAFF council.

Braine, John
Writer. Previously involved with General Walker's Civil Assistance. NAFF council.

Brooke, Lord
Self described as "born with the Union Jack stitched into my navel". Life President of Guest Keen and Nettlefolds. It gave £25,000 to the Tory party last year. NAFF council.

Bukovsky, Vladimir
Playwright and Russian dissident. Spoke at the inaugural dinner of NAFF.

Chambers, Sir Paul
Ex-CBI Chief. Former head of ICI. Set up the Industry Policy Group in '67 to fight the trend toward Government intervention being accepted by the CBI. NAFF council.

Churchill, Winston
Tory MP who fought the workers at Automat when they were on strike. On Thatcher Shadow Cabinet. NAFF council.

Crozier, Brian
Former editor of the *Economist* 'Foreign Report'. Founded Forum World Features. Director of the British section of the Institute for the Study of Conflict. At the same time involved in counter-insurgency discussions at the highest level. Introduced to NAFF by Robert Moss. Often writes in *Free Nation* . NAFF council.

Current Affairs Press
Started by Ross McWhirter. Set up to print a national newspaper in the event of a general strike — 3 million papers a day independent of union control. Paid for the Ross McWhirter ad. in '75 "Time To Stand Up To The Unions." The press was backed by Dowager Lady Jane Birdwood.

Denman, D.R. Professor
Professor of Land Economy at Cambridge. "Property speculation is part of normal commercial life." NAFF council.

Forum World Features
Set up in the '60s by Brian Crozier. An information unit masquerading as a News Agency. Shut up shop very suddenly in '75 when it was exposed as an out-right CIA propaganda front. Had contacts high up in the British establishment, like the Cabinet Office.

Foster, Sir John
Former Tory MP. "The public should form an organisation strong enough to equal the pressures of the unions." NAFF council.

Friedman, Milton
Nobel Prizewinner economist, whose followers in this country centre on the 'Institute for Economic Affairs'. His ideas are largely behind the economic policies of the Pinochet dictatorship in Chile. NAFF's economic guru.

Gilbert, Ian H.
Chair of Wilkinson Match — 17 subsidiaries in South Africa. NAFF council.

Gorst, John
Tory MP for Hendon N. Public Relations man with strong connections in commercial radio. Set up the 'Middle Class Association'. Left when it fused with NAFF. George Ward's chief adviser at Grunwick. First to raise in Parliament the Post Office blacking last August, which was eventually lifted after a high court injunction. Rides on the Grunwick 'scab bus' through the picket line.

Gouriet, John
Administrative Director of NAFF. Grabbed his first headline with the 'Current Affairs Press' "MOVE TO FREE CARS TRAPPED BY CROSS CHANNEL FERRY SERVICE". Like Grunwicks, they were on strike. Ex-Army Major. Left the Ministry of Defence after being refused permission to write to the *Daily Telegraph*, condemning excessive Government spending. In Jan '77 he claimed that NAFF was receiving £1,000 a day in donations, and that membership had leapt from 10,000 to 15,000 in Feb '77. Adviser to Ward at Grunwicks. Organised the clandestine delivery of 1,000 sacks of mail from Grunwick, with the help of 250 NAFF members and supporters, all over the country. Members described this operation named "Pony Express" as "a victory for freedom — the best thing since Entebbe." NAFF council.

The Institute for the Study of Conflict
Founded in 1970. Usually concerns itself with military issues and closely follows the theories of counter insurgency expert Kitson. Infiltrated police colleges — Bramshill Police Training college, and army establishments — Porton Down Warfare Research Centre. Circulated a document in '74 called "sources of Conflict in British Industry". This suggested the blacklisting and sacking of communists and subversives. A direct descendant, personnel and to some extent finance wise, of Forum World Features. Has had contacts with right-wing regimes and security services around the world, including the Rhodesian Secret Police and South Africa's BOSS. Director of the British section is Brian Crozier. Robert Moss has connections. Contacts extend to no less an exalted level than the Cabinet Office. In America a section was started up in '74. Friends include former CIA man Kermitt Roosevelt, former Vietnam 'Pacification' Chief Robert Komer and Professor Zbigniew, Brzezinski, security advisor to Jimmy Carter. All on the Institute council in America.

Ivens, Michael
Member of Aims for Freedom and Enterprise. NAFF council.

Janke, Peter
Research Officer for the Institute for the Study of Conflict. Spoke on 'Urban Terrorism' at Bramshill Police College. His fee was paid by the Home Office Professor at Cardiff University. Has also spoken at the Senior Command course on behalf of NAFF. In the same month he spoke at a top-security, heavily-vetted conference of 50 officers from the crack SAS divisions, whose main job is counter-terrorism. NAFF council.

Knight, Jill
Tory MP and anti-abortion campaigner. NAFF council.

Le Bailly, Vice Admiral Sir Louis
Until recently Director General of Intelligence in the Ministry of Defence. NAFF council.

L'Isle, Lord de
Chair of Phoenix Assurance Co. Donated £7,500 to the Tory Party funds last year. Offered ex-Police Chief Robert Mark a job in Phoenix Assurance recently. Chair of NAFF. NAFF council.

Mark, Sir Robert
Anti-union. Ex-Metropolitan Commissioner for Police. Offered a job by Lord de L'Isle in Phoenix Assurance. Had a profound effect upon the police — adopted a far more political role than his predecessor. For instance in March '75 he claimed that the police had shown "excessive tolerance" in dealing with demonstrators. In future, if necessary, they must be prepared to meet "force with force" Since he took over, a number of special squads have been set up and equipped to deal with militant industrial action and major demonstrations. The police are gradually developing the ability to perform many functions which were previously the sole province of the Army eg the Special Patrol Group.

McWhirter, Norris
Twin brother of Ross. Worked on the *Guiness Book of Records*. Helped found NAFF. NAFF council and leading light

McWhirter, Ross
Along with twin brother Norris was usually known as the brains behind the *Guiness Book of Records*. Helped set up 'Self Help' with Birdwood. Took large ads in the Guardian (June 19 '75) and other daily papers calling on bankers, businesses, and such like to counter the 'power of the Unions' the gravest of all menaces to the well-being of Great Britain. Titled 'Time to Stand up to the Unions', it included a plan to break the rail strike. It was financed (£952) by the Current Affairs Press. Set up by McWhirter with Birdwood's help. Shot on his doorstep in Dec. '75. Shortly after his death, NAFF was started by Robert Moss and Norris McWhirter. Ross McWhirter is still however regarded by some as the founding martyr of NAFF. He did help draw up the existing NAFF "Charter of Freedom."

Middle Class Association
Set up by John Gorst in '74. Helped by Robert Moss and William Shelton. Threw itself into a campaign to replace Tory leader Heath with Thatcher. Hounded Press, Television, Army and Police Officers, and MPs to throw their weight behind Thatcher, Merged with NAFF.

Mitchell,David
Chair of Small Business Bureau. An official Tory Party organisation. Director of El Vino's, a bar in Fleet St., which still refuses to serve women. NAFF council.

Moss, Robert
Son of a senior Officer in Australian Military Intelligence. Ex-CIA. 1973 succeeded Brian Crozier at the Economist as Editor of "Foreign Report". 1972 worked for The Institute for the Study of Conflict'. Supported the overthrow of the Allende Govt. in Chile in '73 and longed for the day "when a British Pinochet could come to power. Worked for Forum World Features who commissioned his book *Chile's Marxist Experiment* published by *Rossiter Publications*. Writes some of Margaret Thatcher's speeches including her "Iron Maiden Speech". Supports the demands for the introduction of identity cards. Taken on by NAFF as its Hon. Director. Then introduced Crozier, ensuring the connection with the Institute for the Study of Conflict, at the highest level. Leading NAFF spokesman. NAFF council. Prolific writer in the national press. Has recently used the pages of the *Daily Telegraph* in particular to attack the "left wing bias" as he sees it of Penguin Books and the Grunwick workers seeking their right to join a trade union. Described also as a 'Political Warfare Export'. His recent publication *The Collapse of Democracy* is a view of Britain in 1985 under a Socialist Govt. When Thatcher won the battle for leadership of the Tory Party over Heath, backed up by the Middle Class Assoc., wrote in a letter to a friend "well she's done it, and the period ahead looks immensely challenging. What the Party clearly is going to need now is a strong infusion of latter-day Tory popularism". He knew that the main problem confronting the Tories was the power of the Unions and 'any right wing govt. worth its salt would have to take them on.'

O'Sullivan, John
Daily Telegraph Political Correspondent. Featured often in *Free Nation*.

Ridley, Nicholas
Married into Guest Steel Engineering family and is a strong supporter of free enterprise. NAFF council.

Rogers, Budge
Former England Rugby Union star. OBE. NAFF council.

Rossiter Publications
Generously promoted Moss' book *Chile's Marxist Experiment*. The Pinochet regime like it so much that they give it away if you go to the Chilean Embassy. Publish 'Institute for the Study of Conflict' books by Robert Moss, Crozier etc, including Moss's new book *'The Collapse of Democracy'*.

Rowe, Andrew
Works at Tory Party HQ for the "Small Business Bureau'.

Shelton, William
Tory MP. Was active in the Middle Class Assoc. Owns advertising agency which put all of its resources behind Thatcher in the fight for the Tory Party leadership.

Small Business Bureau
Tory Party organised for small business owners. Set up by Thatcher shortly after she became leader. Tory Party has been using NAFF's mailing list to lobby support for the Bureau. 10,000 addressed pre-paid envelopes, with the address of the Tory Party HQ have been handed to NAFF for free posting. Quarterly magazine — latest edition was sent out in the recent NAFF membership mailing. Director Andrew Rowe works at Tory HQ. Chairman David Mitchell is on the NAFF council.

Smith, Ernest
President of the National Association of Building Trade Employers. NAFF council.

Sproat, Iain
Scottish Tory MP. Volunteer rifle man for the Green Jackets. Initiated a campaign called "Stop the Scroungers". Believed the land was swarming with thousands of 'scroungers' on the Social Security. Disproved by the House of Commons Enquiry. He made a speech recently declaring Sidney Bidwell, Audrey Wise, Ian Mikardo, and Michael Foot were "fellow travellers" and a "threat to security". The papers which reported this speech have had to settle out of court to avoid being sued by the MPs concerned. Recently returned to the "scroungers" argument. Also believes in a "complete halt to immigration — enough is enough", and a return to capital punishment.

Taylor, Sir Frank
Managing Director of Taylor Woodrow. "The reason for NAFF is that the day has passed when you could feel totally secure about the free enterprise system. For the time being, the system is under attack." Held first NAFF conference at his Co. Donated £27,000 to the Tory Party funds last year. NAFF council.

Tebbit, Norman
Tory MP. NAFF council.

Templer, Sir Gerald
Former Chief of Army Staff and counter-revolutionary expert. Fought the Communists in Malaysia. NAFF council.

Thatcher, Margaret
Attended the inaugural dinner of NAFF on Jan 27 '77 at the Grosvenor Park. Fellow speakers were Boyson and Churchill for the NAFF council. Never a member of NAFF. Over Grunwicks she has supplied support for NAFF whenever it was needed, although her *official* Party policy toward the Unions is one of co-operation and consultation! Her speeches are often written by NAFF man Robert Moss, the most famous being her "Iron Maiden Speech" attacking Russia.

Thompson, Sir Robert
Was adviser to Nixon and Kissinger on Vietnam. One of the world's most influential counter-insurgency experts. Believes thatr the police should be equipped to take on civil unrest. Invited to lecture at Bramshill College. Writer on guerilla warfare and counter-insurgency. Had one book published by Forum World Features in the'60.s. It sold only 1,800. NAFF council.

Walker, Sir Walter
Former Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe and Commander of the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) and NATO. Hit the headlines in August '74 when he launched his "Action Group", Civil Assistance. Described by many as a private citizens army. Colonel Stirling formed a similar organisation at the time. They would provide, on a volunteer basis, the minimum manpower necessary to cope with the immediate crisis following a general strike, or just before one. Walker's CA is still active. It has a newspaper, the *British Defender*, and a twice-monthly newsletter, *International Summary* mailed to subscribers in Westminster and Whitehall. It warns of the "enemy within and without — the domination of the Western world by Communism".

Watson, Rev. Basil
Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, London. OBE, RN. NAFF council.

Worsthorne, Peregrine
Deputy editor of the *Sunday Telegraph* and right wing columnist. Suggested in the *Telegraph* that 'the Tribune Group should be imprisoned en masse' and on television that a right wing dictatorship should be imposed to solve Britain's economic crisis.' Wrote a book for 'Aims of Industry'.

Young, George
Prospective Tory candidate for Brent East in '76. European director for Kleinwort Benson. Served in Military Intelligence during the war. Became a journalist for a short spell. Joined the Foreign Office, then the Ministry of Defence where he became deputy head of MI6. Left the Secret Service to become a merchant banker. For four years he was chairman of the 'Society for Individual Freedom'. Contender for the chair of the Monday Club, which he left after he was defeated. In the Monday Club he was concerned mainly with immigration. Wrote *Who Goes Home?*, a Monday Club publication and attracted national publicity with a meeting on "defence cuts" and the "grip of the left on the BBC". Since then assisted in starting the "Halt the Immigration Campaign". He was involved in a split in General Sir Walter Walker's army. It left Walker with one faction, Young and Ross McWhirter with the other. It is believed the idea for NAFF was particularly evolved at this time. Young's wife Gyreke published an anti-Jewish pamphlet in '72.

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"Collective evil must not triumph over democratic right"

WHY WE BACK GRUNWICK

Basic issues of freedom are at stake at Grunwick's, the photographic processing plant that is being besieged by militant Left-wingers and strikers. The Left-wing press has embarked on an all-out campaign of smears against the Grunwick management and NAFF, which has backed Grunwick from the start.

Grunwick has become a cause célèbre, and distortions filled the air during an industrial dispute as in the Grunwick affair. Accusations of all sorts have been hurled by the unions and the Labour Movement, presenting a horrendous picture of the conditions, the position of the management and the views of the employees at Grunwick. Unfortunately, few newspapers have set out the basic facts.

What is at stake?

Grunwick's Managing Director, George Ward, is no organisation man. He is a self-made factory owner, who has organised his willingness to recognise a union if a majority of his employees want one. But Grunwick's can't work properly with people on the basis of force", he says. "Only on the basis of persuasion and fairness".

The Origins of the Strike

The strike began when an employee called Devshi Bhudia was fired back in August 1974. Originally it had nothing to do with union membership or recognition. Bhudia had been threatened with dismissal repeatedly as a result of his unsatisfactory work. He eventually walked out in protest at such fate. Other workers came out on strike in sympathy with him.

Who is on Strike?

If you visit the picket line, you will find a lot of long-haired Left-wingers, but only a few former Grunwick employees. It is true that 137 Grunwick workers (most of whom were students) did originally walk out, but only 50 of these 137 walked out. But some workers are seen to regret a decision to strike, and a few Bengalis in what had previously been quiet people at Grunwick's did have to battle — and threaten — their colleagues if they continued to work. Many workers have been victims of violent pickets, sometimes their determined supporters and customers.

What about ACAS?

The Left has made great play of George Ward's refusal to allow the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) to hold a ballot on the recognition issue. But such a ballot was conducted in the factory. Market and Opinion Research International (MORI), a highly reputable organisation which has done work for the Conservative Party, and for Mrs Thatcher herself, was asked to conduct a ballot. Its findings were that 60% of the workforce did not want a union, 30% did, and 10% were undecided. Of those who did want a union, only 40% were prepared to take industrial action to get one.

Why is Grunwick so important?

Grunwick's is important because it is a test case for the whole future of industrial relations. Should the Left succeed in its campaign to destroy Grunwick's, it will be a victory for the forces of violence and intimidation, and a defeat for the rule of law. Should Grunwick's be forced to recognise a union against the wishes of the majority of its employees, it will be a victory for the principle that the closed shop is more important than the freedom of the individual.

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Following the picket line: Left-wing militants on the march to Grunwick's, and (inset) Ward's determination to remain open.

NAFF entered the story when Tom Jackson's Union of Post Office Workers (UPW) — in sympathy with APEX, to impose a ban on mail to Grunwick's. Despite the almost universal blackmail which could have financially ruined the company, it was NAFF's sacking of a high-ranking official who refused the UPW's black-limb call to halt interference with the mail.

How NAFF came in

The Document was being described in London as a "soft-sell" version of the Grunwick line of freedom in Advertising. Apart from an employers' association — "This is the behaviour that Fuh has feared all many thousands of advertising workers".

The PFA surrender follows the introduction of the union's "Fair List" which authorises printers and processors to handle work only from approved sources and customers.

Ward meeting with Gouriet

Gouriet: will not prosecute

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an ACAS man who claims to be acting impartially ... should be dropped like a hot potato: he is either disregarding his duty or he is not impartial at all — and either way that makes him a blackguard.

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Photograph/Andrew Wiard Report

Gouriet lurking behind the door at Grunwick

Photograph/Minda

SUPRISE FOR POWELL

Powell who was speaking at a Chamber of Commerce dinner in Hounslow on June 22, managed to sneak in via a back entrance, avoiding 100 or so demonstrators which included Women Against Fascism, IMG, SWP, Southall Youth Movement, CP, Labour Parties and other Anti-Fascist groups. The demonstration was called by the local trades council. Enoch didn't avoid the demonstrators totally — a comrade from the SYM managed to grab him by the arm rendering him off balance, then gave him a very well deserved earfull, much to the annoyance of the local police who weren't there in time to stop him.

Daily Mail
FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1977 — 8p

Man is axed to death in garden

A YOUNG man was axed to death in the front garden of his home last night.

He died after a violent argument with his attacker, a coloured man, who lived in the same terraced house in Adys Road, Peckham, SE, police said with a number of other men.

Greengroer Mr Brian Burdett, 37, who lives nearby, said: "There was a hell of a row coming from the garden. The two men were screaming at each other.

"One of them laid into the other with an axe.

"Two small boys riding past on their bikes saw it all, and the one who did the killing chased them up the road screaming his head off at them. They went straight home and told their dad."

Search

The dead man, who was white and in his 30s, is believed to have been lodged in the house in the middle of a long Victorian terrace.

Two hours after the killing the dead man's body was still in the garden, while police searched the area. On the front garden wall was a nearly-new axe.

Detective - Inspector John Spears said: "A number of people have been interviewed in the house, and a number have been taken to Peckham police station. We are looking for one man only."

Police have also spoken for a white Ford Anglia with a distinctive red stripe which is believed to have been used by the killer as a getaway vehicle.

Adys Road was cordoned off. Two - thirds of its occupants are coloured, and residents say there has been a number of incidents between blacks and whites.

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM SOUTHWARK CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM

ON FRIDAY 3 JUNE THERE WAS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW THE PRESS DISTORTS THE NEWS TO CREATE RACIAL TENSION WHERE THERE WAS NONE PREVIOUSLY.

This particular story appeared on the front page of the *Daily Mail* — a paper well known for its *accurate reporting* and its *high standards of journalism* — under the headline "*Man axed to death in garden*".

The *real* facts of the incident are somewhat different to those reported in the *Daily Mail*.

1) The alleged murderer — who has been detained by the police — is in fact white (and to give the police their due they *did* make house to house calls in the street to refute the *Daily Mail* story).
2) The information that has come to SCARF is that the victim was killed by a stab wound near the heart — *not* axed to death as the Daily Mail says.
3) A member of SCARF who lives in Adys Road has not heard of the two children who were — according to the Mail — chased down the Road by the murderer.
4) Adys Road has a minority of black people among its residents and the *only* recent incident of any note involving blacks and whites in the street was when two white painters rescued an Asian man from a burning house.

The *Daily Mail* obviously felt that this story would have more news value if it had racial overtones (or could it be that they just didn't bother to check their facts — again) and have therefore slanted their reporting to that end. This is particularly disgusting as the murder was quite gruesome enough as it stood.
The fact that the murder victim was himself an anti-fascist and a member of one of SCARF's affiliate organisations makes this distortion *doubly* distasteful.

SCARF has already referred this matter to the National Union of Journalists as a breach of that Union's guidlines for reporting on racial issues (the fact that the race or colour of the parties concerned was needlessly mentioned is *itself* in breach of these guidelines let alone the factual inaccuracies) and a complaint to the Press Council is being considered.

REPORTING LIKE THIS LEADS TO TENSION AND CONFLICT AND SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BY LOCAL ANTI-FASCIST / ANTI - RACIST GROUPS WHEREVER IT IS NOTICED.